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EVAN MACY, SPORTS EDITOR

The Eagles have the chance to win a second division game in three weeks and will get the opportunity to kick rival Giants while they are down this Sunday, a 1 p.m. kickoff on FOX. The 0-2 Giants have looked positively dreadful and are on the verge of falling well behind in the race for the NFL East. The 1-1 Eagles on the other hand are feeling confident despite losing last week in Kansas City after a strong game that showcased their defense and their up-and-coming quarterback Carson Wentz. For more on the battle of I-95 rivals turn to pages 22-25.

FACEBOOK TO OVERHAUL POLITICAL ADVERTS

Facebook Inc. on Thursday launched an overhaul of how it handles paid political advertisements on the world's largest social network, responding to criticism that it has not done enough to prevent the manipulation of elections. Chief Executive Mark Zuckerberg said the company would start by sharing with U.S. congressional investigators some 3,000 political ads that it says Russia-based operatives ran on Facebook in the months before and after last year's U.S. presidential election. Earlier this month, Facebook said an operation likely based in Russia spent $100,000 on thousands of Facebook ads promoting divisive messages. U.S. congressional investigators and special counsel Robert Mueller are examining alleged Russian election interference, which Moscow has denied.

FORMER US ATTORNEY BHARARA JOINS CNN

2 Former U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York, Preet Bharara, is joining CNN as a senior legal analyst. Bharara was fired as U.S. Attorney in March by President Donald Trump, after refusing to resign his post when asked to do so by U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions. Bharara joins CNN, a unit of Time Warner Inc., at a time when the network faces numerous accusations of being "fake news" from President Trump. CNN declined to give further details on Bharara joining the network. The former U.S. Attorney also launched a weekly podcast called "Stay Tuned with Preet" on WNYC, which aired the first episode on Wednesday. Bharara detailed the story of his firing for the first time, including how President Trump initially asked him to remain in his post after the election.

MEXICO RESCUERS IN RACE TO FIND TRAPPED SURVIVORS

3 Rescuers toiled on Thursday to extract survivors, including Taiwanese workers, from collapsed buildings after Mexico's deadliest earthquake in 32 years, but the Navy said no children were now trapped at a school at the heart of rescue efforts.

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5 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

SEC HAD 'CRITICAL' CYBER WEAKNESSES IN JANUARY

4 The U.S. Department of Homeland Security detected five "critical" cyber security weaknesses on the Securities and Exchange Commission's computers as of January 23, 2017, according to a confidential weekly report reviewed by Reuters. The report's findings raise fresh questions about a 2016 cyber breach into the U.S. market regulator's corporate filing system known as "EDGAR." SEC Chairman Jay Clayton disclosed late Wednesday that the agency learned in August 2017 that hackers may have exploited the 2016 incident for illegal insider-trading. The January DHS report, which shows its weekly findings after scanning computers for cyber weaknesses across most of the federal civilian government agencies, revealed that the SEC at the time had the fourth most "critical" vulnerabilities.

TRUMP WANTS SANCTIONS ON NORTH KOREA

5 President Trump ordered new sanctions that open the door wider to blacklisting people and entities doing business with North Korea, including its shipping and trade networks, further tightening the screws on Pyongyang's nuclear and missile programs. Trump stopped short of going after North Korea's biggest trading partner, China, praising as "tremendous" the central bank's move ordering Chinese banks to stop doing business with North Korea. The new sanctions on Pyongyang showed that Trump was giving more time for economic pressures to weigh on North Korea after warning about the possibility of military action on Tuesday in his first speech to the United Nations. Asked ahead of a lunch meeting with the leaders of Japan and South Korea if diplomacy was still possible, Trump nodded his head and said, "Why not?"

WIND SPEEDS

Hurricane Maria was ranked a Category 4 storm, with winds of up to 155 mph when it made landfall on Puerto Rico as the strongest storm to hit the island in nearly 90 years.

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Apple's face-recognition feature may pose privacy concerns: experts

New technology raises new issues about personal data, and the iPhone's Face ID is the latest under scrutiny.

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Apple news makes waves, but the recently announced Face ID feature struck a chord with experts concerned about privacy implications.

One fear voiced again and again was the possibility that police could access someone's phone without their permission simply by holding it up to her face.

Apple says Face ID won't work if your eyes are closed, your face is turned away or you hold up a picture. Still, this tech will change more kinds of protocol than just how you check your texts.

Brett Kaufman, an attorney with the ACLU Center for Democracy, said that with tech, privacy laws constantly become a new ball game that requires new rules.

"This is a different version of a similar problem that was introduced when these phones started having the thumbprint unlocking," he said. "There are two sets of issues presented by this technology: Fourth and Fifth Amendment issues."

The courts are adapting, but slowly. Some courts have ruled that a thumbprint ID is not the same as providing testimony — meaning anything police find on your phone, if unlocked that way, is not the same as you verbally communicating the information.

Now, Face ID will be an issue for courts to consider. Though Kaufman is hopeful the rules will adjust — "technology has been, for the last 25, 30 years, a real driver in changes for the law," he said — it will just take time.

Face ID could also be the first foray into a world full of face scanning, which concerns Kaufman.

"One thing we definitely want to avoid is [people thinking], 'I use facial recognition to unlock my phone, what's the big deal if they want to take everybody's picture when they get on a plane?'" he said.

Face ID on the iPhone X is a new way to unlock and authenticate your phone. PROVIDED BY APPLE

Those are different situations, Kaufman said, and even if face scanning doesn't have the same implications, using your face to unlock your phone could make you think having your face scanned is never a big deal.

Jonathan Frankle, a Ph.D. student at the Internet Policy Research Initiative at MIT, said that face recognition poses privacy concerns depending on how it's deployed.

He thinks it may make phones more secure, but other uses pose problems, like if police use the technology to track people.

> ***"For any technology like this, there are ways of using it to improve privacy and to erode privacy."***
>
> Jonathan Frankle

"For any technology like this, there are ways of using it to improve privacy and to erode privacy," Frankle said. "The fact that this is a question people are asking … reassures me that we as a society are being vigilant about how facial recognition is rolled out."

Philly surveillance company to sell civilian body cameras

Body cameras allow people to record what's happening around them, not only during sentimental moments but also at political events like protests that could erupt into violence. In an age where police are constantly filming video, it makes sense to also have your own body camera.

Peter Austin Onruang, founder and president of Wolfcom and creator of civilian body cam Venture, said his love affair with technology began with the spy industry.

"When I started my company, I was 31, but I have been planning since I was 21. … I started out with auto security and would travel to Asia to tour factories, meet engineers and see car alarms. Years later, we moved into security surveillance equipment, which worked great and made a lot of money. In 2007, we got into hidden cameras and opened the Hollywood Spy Shop, the largest in L.A. We did home bugging devices, cars, 'bug sweeping' close to studios. Any stories about a peeping Tom, we were on TV," said Onruang.

One day, he noticed a lot of police officers coming to the store, and he would observe them from the store camera. An officer kept coming in and would browse and never buy anything. The next time he came in, Onruang asked what was he looking for.

"He said, 'You have all these pinhole button cameras — these are geared toward private investigators. I have over 30 pounds of gear. Maybe you could incorporate a camera into something I'm already wearing,'" said Onruang.

Police officers face off with protesters in the early hours of Sept. 21, 2016, in Charlotte, North Carolina. Civilian body cameras can be used when protesters encounter police at rallies. GETTY IMAGES

Onruang immediately thought of a camera incorporated into a police officer's two-way radio mic. Wolfcom's third-eye police body camera launched in 2011, and the phone was ringing off the hook. He couldn't supply them fast enough.

"When talking to that officer, I began thinking about the future and I foresaw a kid getting shot by a cop and a president talking about body cameras. That happened with Obama. It's been in my thoughts since 2008 to 2009, and over 1,000 civilians contact us wanting to buy body cameras. If you look at all this division, there's a greater need for a body camera than ever, recording all the time with hands free. If you're holding your cellphone, officers might assume that is a weapon at night. Or perhaps recording a concert and enjoying it instead," Onruang said.

His customer base keeps expanding as his technology improves, such as with his clients at Vacaville Police Department.

"Technology always changes. Each camera lasts about 2 1/2 years until a new version comes out. Battery life, functions become available, and the wear and tear on a body camera is like a smartphone. The technology evolves past the smartphone," said Vacaville Police Department's Sgt. Adam Senf.

The civilian body camera will be exactly like the police one, minus the law-enforcement features. It will have Wi-Fi, an app and a live streamable option. There are options on how to download videos, such as the free mobile app to record onto your phone or activate recording to the memory card in the camera.

Venture will not be available to the public until February 2018. It can be purchased now at early-bird pricing with 60 percent off on Indiegogo.

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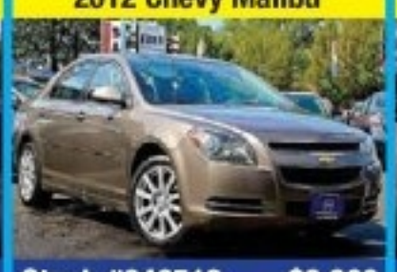

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University of the Arts is making moves

The art school on South Broad Street just merged with the famed Philly Art Alliance in Rittenhouse.

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If it seems like you've been hearing more about The University of the Arts — Philly's preeminent visual and performing arts hall of learning — then you're not mistaken.

Last week, the University of the Arts made its first big flash of cash and muscle by taking over (or rather, absorbing and merging with) Rittenhouse Square's Philadelphia Art Alliance (PAA), a famed gallery space that, in its time, exhibited major works from the likes of Horace Pippin, Man Ray and Andrew Wyeth.

Why buy and sell now? What is University of the Arts President Dr. David Yager up to?

"The overall goal is all related to building a top-tier academic program for our students and their future," said Yager. "The buildings are 'containers,' and, although important, it's the faculty, staff and content that drive the University of the Arts, our programs and our students' success."

The PAA started in 1915 as an artist-operated salon and moved into 251 S. 18th St. in 1926. In 1932, Walt Disney led perhaps the first museum exhibition of animated art. In 1936, Andrew Wyeth made his exhibition debut. In 1947, Horace Pippin held an exhibition.

The Alliance was the arts salon in Philly, with the likes of actress Coleen Dewhurst, author Dorothy Parker, composer Aaron Copland, choreographer Merce Cunningham and playwright Edward Albee holding events. Recently, the Alliance was more dedicated to crafts and crafts-makers than to fine art, yet the space also housed some of the smartest lectures in town.

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> Dr. David Yager

"Discussions started about a year ago and focused on our mutual history relative to the arts and culture in Philadelphia," Yager said of the union. "There was a clear overlap of artists, educators and supporters between the two organizations. As the conversations continued, it became clearer to us that our beliefs and priorities were remarkably similar, both historically as well as our thoughts about the future."

It was crucial for Yager and the University to be able to preserve and enhance the long-term standing of a historically and artistically important institution in Philadelphia, he said. "There are amazing opportunities that the Art Alliance offers in the way of exhibition space for the University of the Arts and for the city of Philadelphia."

This move follows the October 2016 sale of UArts' Merriam Theater to the Kimmel Center for $11 million. For that sum, the Kimmel got to expand its already sizeable campus (Verizon Hall, Perelman Theater and the Academy of Music, which is owned by the Philadelphia Orchestra but operated by the Kimmel) while adding to the University's coffers.

"In all honesty, it was not part of a plan, but rather a matter of timing and circumstance that began the conversation with the Art Alliance," said Yager when asked if the $11 million received from the Kimmel and the occurrence of conversations with the PAA were coincidence or a plan.

From there, U of Arts was ready to make expansions such as considering another performance venue and a long-desired unit for student dorms.

Yager agreed that the motion to unload the celebrated theater was bittersweet, yet he remains pragmatic. "It's always difficult to make decisions to sell real estate. However, our programs were only using the Merriam Theater for two months out of the year and the theater was generally too large for most of our programs. In addition, the question of the future of the theater's maintenance was an important issue."

The Kimmel itself will undergo a series of renaming query events for its new Merriam acquisition starting this Saturday, Sept. 23.

The University of the Arts has recently made changes to its presence in Philadelphia. COURTESY OF UARTS

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Scientists use Wikipedia too, according to a new study

Wikipedia has a lot of power in the scientific world, new research shows.

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Remember when your schoolteacher told you Wikipedia wasn't a legitimate source?

Well, it's a source for legitimate scientists, according to a new report entitled "Science is Shaped by Wikipedia: Evidence From a Randomized Control Trial."

Neil C. Thompson, from Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Sloan School of Management, and Douglas Hanley from the University of Pittsburgh, studied "the power of Wikipedia."

The online encyclopedia is the fifth most used website in the world, according to Alexa Internet, a web traffic data site and it has an impact on more than just middle school reports. In fact, it can have a "profound impact on scientific literature," according to the study, published Wednesday.

It's already clear that Wikipedia reflects science, according to the researchers, because the site has ½ to 1 million scientific articles, representing one article for approximately every 120 scientific journal articles. But they wondered if it also shaped the science.

"Do scientists read Wikipedia articles and encounter news ideas? Or perhaps scientists encounter ideas on Wikipedia that they are already aware of, but which are brought together in a way that influences how they think about them?" the study reads. "A further possibility is that a scientist could lack access to costly journals, and thus the appearance of an idea on Wikipedia could be that person's only access to that scientific knowledge."

For the study, Thompson and Hanley commissioned graduate students in chemistry to create new Wikipedia articles on scientific topics that weren't mentioned on the online encyclopedia. Then, a random half was added to Wikipedia and the other half were not.

The articles on Wikipedia got thousands of views per month, according to the study. Later, it was found that researchers writing scientific literature were likely to use the words from those uploaded articles.

"Incorporating ideas into a Wikipedia article leads to those ideas being used more in the scientific literature," the study reads. The practice may make science more inclusive to people who don't have access to academic journals. Wikipedia doesn't necessarily prompt new, cutting-edge research, the study noted, but has a substantial effect on follow-up scientific work.

"Our research shows that scientists are using Wikipedia and that it is influencing how they write about the science that they are doing," Thompson said. "Wikipedia isn't just a record of what's going on in science, it's actually helping to shape science."

"Incorporating ideas into a Wikipedia article leads to those ideas being used more in scientific literature."

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Hallucinatory art experiences at the latest Philly Fringe Festival

"Insert Thought Here" performance was an example of the mind-bending art at the Philly Fringe Festival.

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A Center City bar has turned into a psychedelic dinner-theater experience as part of the Philly Fringe Festival this week.

On Wednesday night, the upstairs of Franky Bradley's Bar in Center City was transformed by dancers Teddy Fatscher, Tommy Schimmel, Dave Morreale, Misha King, Jake Van Horn and William Burden, who comprise the group Bradley's Bucks and eagerly encouraged the audience to "drink, dine and deviate around dance."

Their event, "Insert Thoughts Here" was part of the 2017 Philadelphia Fringe Arts Festival, which takes place from Sept. 7 through Sept. 24.

Audience members were served drinks and a dinner — all part of the immersive performance from "Bradley's Bucks."

"The Bucks search for inspiration through music, lighting, stage design, and prop work to develop powerful, masculine movement," the group says on their website. "One of the Bucks' main objectives is to always leave their audience wondering what they will develop next."

The acts featured various forms of dance, including breakdance, aerial dance, hip-hop and lyrical dance, which were meant to recreate both the euphoric and non-euphoric aspects of hallucination.

The show used colored lights, dance, acting, and music to stimulate all of the audience's senses to allow audience members not only watch, but to feel the theme of "hallucination."

Dancers with Bradley's Bucks perform "Insert Thought Here" at the Philly Fringe Festival. ALL PHOTOS KAITLYN MOORE

The 2017 Philly Fringe Festival takes place through Sept. 24.

"Insert Thoughts Here" included breakdancing, aerial dance, hip-hop and lyrical dance.

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Will Sean Spicer's journaling be what brings down Trump?

The former White House press secretary took an unusual volume of notes.

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Sean Spicer was well-known in political circles for his note-taking. GETTY IMAGES

During his time working on the Trump campaign and later as White House press secretary, Sean Spicer took copious amounts of notes, which may soon figure into Robert Mueller's investigation into Trump and Russia.

Spicer filled "notebook after notebook" and his colleagues joked he'd write a memoir, reported Axios. During his time with the RNC, Spicer filled notebooks stamped with the party's seal. "Sean documented everything," a source said.

Spicer is one of five current and former Trump associates who have been notified by Mueller that they are potential interviewees in the investigation into potential collusion between the Trump campaign and Russia to swing the 2016 presidential election, The Washington Post reported. Those people are believed to have taken part in internal discussions relevant to Mueller's investigation.

"People are going to wish they'd been nicer to Sean," one White House official told Axios on Thursday. "He was in a lot of meetings."

Note-taking is a departure from usual White House procedure; White House staffers from previous administrations deliberately took few notes.

When contacted by the Axios reporter Mike Allen, Spicer threatened to contact authorities.

"Please refrain from sending me unsolicited texts and emails," Spicer told Allen in an email. "Should you not do so, I will contact the appropriate legal authorities to address your harassment."

In an interview with ABC News today, Spicer said he had "not knowingly" lied to the American public during his time as press secretary, a tenure that was clouded from its first day, when Spicer angrily insisted that Trump's inauguration audience was the biggest ever, a claim refuted by photos.

The footprint of Mueller's potential evidence is growing quickly. Earlier this week, CNN reported that former Trump campaign chairman Paul Manafort was wiretapped by secret court order before and after the election.

Donald Trump referenced an unheard-of country in his UN speech. GETTY IMAGES

Where is Nambia? Trump praises nonexistent country, but which one did he mean?

If you're wondering where in the world Nambia is after Trump's speech to African leaders at the United Nations, you're not alone.

President Trump praised the vaguely familiar-sounding — but entirely made-up — country twice during his speech, focusing on the nonexistent country's healthcare. "In Guinea and Nigeria, you fought a horrifying Ebola outbreak," Trump reminded the leaders gathered, adding that "Nambia's health system is increasingly self-sufficient."

Audiences were quick to jump on the gaffe. Many rushed to speculate which actual African country Trump had meant to refer to.

The White House later cleared up everyone's confusion by claiming the president was in fact referring to Namibia, which dodged the Ebola outbreak two years ago that claimed the lives of thousands of people. At the time, in response to the outbreak in other countries, Namibia implemented new healthcare measures to treat infections and ward off an outbreak of their own.

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Body-language expert suggests Donald and Melania Trump's marriage might be doomed

The president's marriage has been surrounded by speculation. GETTY IMAGES

A body-language expert has analyzed the handshake between Donald Trump and Melania from Friday, and according to her, the Trumps' marriage may be in trouble.

Last Friday, President Trump made an appearance at Joint Base Andrews in Maryland. After Melania introduced him before members of the military, Trump walked up to her and gave her a hearty handshake.

"You go sit down now, honey," said Trump while shaking her hand and moving her off the stage.

The less-than-affectionate Trump handshake pushed Jimmy Kimmel to roast his awkward moment.

It also caused body-language expert Dr. Lillian Glass to weigh in on Trump and Melania's recent display of marital affection, or lack thereof. She believes their body language could indicate trouble.

"It makes them look horrible. It makes them look like their marriage is in jeopardy," Glass told AOL News. "It fuels gossip. It makes them look like they're just in it for the show and she can't stand him," she added.

Dr. Glass also suggests Donald Trump may not have known what to do under the circumstances. It could have been the formal nature that caused the president of the United States to not fully understand how to act during a military event, so his lack of experience could have contributed to him looking awkward that day.

"Many politicians know what to do, they know how to act, or they've been in similar situations before with foreign activities and also with the military," Glass said. "He doesn't really know what to do. He doesn't have that background," the body-language expert added.

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George W. Bush ethics chief pinpoints what may end Trump's presidency

The special investigation into collusion with Russia has zeroed in on the Trump White House.

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Richard Painter, chief White House ethics lawyer under George W. Bush, predicted on Wednesday that "obstruction of justice and the lying" could lead to a Donald Trump impeachment.

When asked about a bombshell New York Times report that special counsel Robert Mueller is demanding documents on Trump's actions since taking office, Painter said the investigation into the Trump campaign's possible collusion with Russia will come down to one question: Why did Donald Trump fire FBI Director James Comey?

"If James Comey was fired because of the Russia investigation, in order to put a stop to the Russia investigation, which the president pretty much admitted in front of the Russian ambassador there in the Oval Office — if that's what really happened, I think there's a very strong case for obstruction of justice," Painter said on MSNBC. "There's the power to fire the FBI director, but not the power to fire the FBI director in order to obstruct the investigation of the collusion with Russia."

Mueller, who is leading the investigation into whether the Trump campaign colluded with Russia to influence the 2016 presidential election, is seeking documents related to Trump's decision to fire Comey in May and about a meeting he held the next day in the Oval Office with Russian officials, among other things, according to the report.

As the Russia investigation heats up, some experts are predicting that the end is near. WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

Painter said the May 10 meeting with Russia's foreign minister, Sergey V. Lavrov, and Russian ambassador to the United States, Sergey I. Kislyak, could be of particular importance for determining Trump's motives for firing Comey.

In the meeting, Trump reportedly called Comey "crazy, a real nut job," and told the Russian officials firing of Comey the day before had relieved "great pressure" on him.

Painter said there was "obvious collaboration" between Trump's campaign and Russia and that "they've got to stop denying that."

"The only question there is whether it was illegal collaboration, but the obstruction of justice and the lying ultimately may be what puts an end to this white house, they are in serious trouble on this," Painter said.

There are three impeachable offenses: treason, bribery and the ever-broad "other high crimes and misdemeanors," and there is precedent to say obstruction of justice satisfies those requirements.

If the House of Representatives decides to move forward with impeachment, Trump would be the fourth president in American history to face impeachment — and the third for obstruction of justice.

Both Richard Nixon, for his involvement in the Watergate scandal, and Bill Clinton, for his affair with Monica Lewinsky, faced articles of impeachment on obstruction of justice and other charges. Nixon resigned to avoid impeachment and Clinton narrowly avoided removal from office.

Trump's UN speech was nothing but 'the sound of a dog barking' to North Korea

North Korea's top diplomat compared President Donald Trump's threats to "totally destroy" his country to the "sound of a dog barking."

In his first address before the United Nations General Assembly this week in New York, Trump made divisive comments about how he would handle North Korea if the United States or its allies were attacked.

But North Korean Foreign Minister Ri Yong Ho seemed unfazed by Trump's sharp language.

"There is a saying that marching goes on even when dogs bark," he told reporters who swarmed him as he was entering his hotel Wednesday night, Al Jazeera reported.

North Korea Minister for Foreign Affairs Ri Yong Ho} GETTY IMAGES

North Korea has stated it is trying to develop a missile capable of targeting the U.S. mainland. In September, it reportedly tested a miniaturized hydrogen bomb able to be fitted to a rocket.

Sanctions against North Korea have not deterred its missile program, and continued testing has angered Trump, who has started using the Elton John-inspired nickname "Rocket Man" to describe North Korean leader Kim Jong Un.

"I spoke with President Moon of South Korea last night. Asked him how Rocket Man is doing. Long gas lines forming in North Korea. Too bad!" Trump tweeted on Sunday.

Trump repeated the nickname on Tuesday in remarks to the U.N. General Assembly.

"Rocket Man is on a suicide mission for himself and for his regime," Trump said. "The United States has great strength and patience, but if it is forced to defend itself or its allies, we will have no choice but to totally destroy North Korea."

When asked for his reaction to Trump's nickname for Kim, the North Korean foreign minister said, "I feel sorry for his aides." ERIN TIERNAN

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Puerto Rico, St. Croix devastated by powerful Hurricane Maria

The second major storm to rage through the Caribbean this month has killed at least 17 people and ravaged several small islands, including Dominica and some of the U.S. Virgin Islands.

A man walks past a house lying in flood water in Catano town, in Juana Matos, Puerto Rico, on Thursday. GETTY IMAGES

Deadly Hurricane Maria caused flooding in the Dominican Republic as it brushed past the country Thursday, after destroying buildings and knocking out power across the U.S. territories of Puerto Rico and St. Croix.

Maria, now a Category 3 with sustained winds of up to 120 miles per hour, was expected to pass near the Turks and Caicos Islands and the southeastern Bahamas Thursday night and Friday, the U.S. National Hurricane Center said.

Officials in Puerto Rico were still assessing the damage after Maria slammed the island Wednesday. Ranked a Category 4 storm near the top of the five-step Saffir-Simpson scale when it made landfall, it was the strongest hurricane to hit the island in nearly 90 years.

President Donald Trump told reporters the storm "totally obliterated" the island, and that he planned to visit.

"... It's nothing short of a major disaster."

Puerto Rico
Gov. Ricardo Rossello

Puerto Rico Gov. Ricardo Rossello said there was one death reported, a man struck by a piece of lumber hurled by high winds.

"It's nothing short of a major disaster," he said in a CNN interview, adding it might take months for electricity to be completely restored to the island, which has a population of 3.4 million. He imposed a dusk-to-dawn curfew that runs through Saturday.

Utility crews from the U.S. mainland were headed to Puerto Rico to help restore the battered power grid.

The storm hit as Puerto Rico is facing the largest municipal debt crisis in U.S. history. The team of judges overseeing its bankruptcy has advised involved parties to put legal proceedings on hold indefinitely as the island recovers from the damage, according to a source familiar with the legal proceedings.

In the heart of the island's capital, historic San Juan, which has a fort and buildings from the Spanish colonial era, the storm left a litter of debris.

San Juan airport reopened for military and relief flights Thursday, with plans for a limited resumption of commercial flights Friday. REUTERS

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Season four of "Transparent" premieres Friday, Sept. 22 on Amazon. AMAZON PRIME VIDEO

Jill Soloway doesn't have two hours to spend in makeup

The Emmy-winning creator of "Transparent" on the show's fourth season and how gender is a political issue.

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Since its start three years ago, "Transparent" has always been an exploration of the boundaries we draw and the blurred lines that result — with gender, identity, the body and our relationships. In season four of the family drama, streaming today on Amazon, the whole Pfefferman clan travels to Israel, where literal borders and the politics of who gets to call the land home serve as a metaphor for the misfits of the show, who often feel like they don't belong anywhere.

"It seemed kind of perfect to take these aspects of gender and trans-ness and laminate them onto politics," creator Jill Soloway said at a roundtable. "What seems like it starts off as a fun family trip is a perfect way to send everybody into it."

Soloway explained that boundaries help people feel safe, but often at the expense of those who are left out.

"The idea of male or female keeps people safe, but what's the cost of that safety? It's the same thing with Israel," they said. "Jewish people look at Israel as a safe space for Jews, but what was the cost of Jewish people feeling safe?"

The same divisions are happening in our country today too, said Soloway.

"A lot of people who support Trump think he is putting in an appropriate boundary, and that's what they like about him," they said. "I mean, he's putting up a wall — what's a more literal boundary than a wall?"

Although the election never comes up in this season, Soloway hopes that the show, by "creat[ing] an ecosystem where tolerance is prioritized," can be an antidote to Trump and the bigotry he's normalizing in our country right now.

"Every time somebody makes a show that doesn't have a straight white man trying to accrue power at the center, they're taking away from the narrative that Trump is selling, which says, 'My power means I win,'" Soloway said.

About Trump's ban on trans people in the military, Soloway said, "he's taking what is a very fundamentalist, religious belief about humans, which is that there is no gender besides males and females. Let's remember, before there were trans people, there were intersex people. We have always had people who don't fall into categories of male and female."

Soloway, who identifies as gender nonbinary, said that they relate to the characters in "Transparent," who are each "exploring the questions of whether gender frees them, or it's a prison."

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"I'm definitely going through that journey myself," Soloway said. "Two years ago, coming to this junket, I spent two hours in my room getting ready, putting on a bunch of makeup. Why do I have to wear makeup and you don't? Because I'm a woman and you're a man?

"I still have to wear [it]... today I asked for the Bradley Cooper," Soloway continued. "It takes five minutes instead of two hours, and I spent that two hours doing rewrites on my book. For me, it's a political issue. I'm trying to get my voice out. I don't have two hours to have somebody put f—king false eyelashes on me."

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Fall TV Preview

Every year, the television landscape becomes more dense — and this season is no different. This fall is jam-packed with new series that play with nostalgia, the superhero genre and your funny bone. Here are a few to look forward to. **RACHAEL VAUGHAN CLEMMONS**

LIVING IN THE PAST

Nostalgia is in this year, big time. This fall promises a slew of reboots, rehashes and blasts from the past.

"Star Trek: Discovery"

(CBS) Premieres Sept. 24, 8:30 p.m.

CBS is betting big that you haven't tired of the "Star Trek" universe — namely, the cinematic version helmed by high-key zaddy Chris Pine. "Discovery" is a new take on the tried and true "Star Trek" formula, with new ships, new missions and a delightfully diverse group of characters.

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"Will & Grace"

(NBC) Premieres Sept. 28, 9 p.m.

In times of crisis, our country often turns to nostalgia — the thought that things were better then. Which is why Will, Grace, Jack and Karen are coming back to NBC. The revival, which has already been picked up for a second season, will ignore the previous season finale, and see our protagonists older and none-the-wiser. How's that for progress?

"Dynasty"

(The CW) Premieres Oct. 11, 9 p.m.

Dust off your shoulder pads, because "Dynasty" is coming back. Even better? It's now helmed by Josh Schwartz and Stephanie Savage, the duo behind well-loved teen dramas like "The O.C." and "Gossip Girl." So while technically, there may not be a need to revisit the Carringtons and the Colbys, it promises to be a deliciously good time.

MARK HILL/THE CW

SUPERHERO OVERLOAD

For the last few years, the CW has had an impressive roster of hourlong superhero dramas. But this fall, ABC and Hulu are giving it a run for its money.

"Marvel's Inhumans"

(ABC) Premieres Sept. 29, 8 p.m.

You wanted another yet another series set in the Marvel Cinematic Universe, didn't you? "Inhumans" — based on comics of the same name — will follow the Inhumans royal family as they escape to Hawaii where they're tasked with saving themselves — and the world. You know, same old.

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ERIN SIMKIN/HULU

"Future Man"

(Hulu) Premieres Nov. 14

Helmed by Seth Rogen and Evan Goldberg (the team behind "Preacher" and "Pineapple Express") this Hulu series follows a janitor by day, world-ranked gamer by night — delightfully played by Josh Hutchinson — tasked with preventing the extinction of humanity. There's time travel! And Eliza Coupe! It'll be a hilarious whirlwind.

"Marvel's Runaways"

(Hulu) Premieres Nov. 21

Wait, you did say more Marvel, right? Joshua Schwartz and Stephanie Savage are keeping busy with this series and "Dynasty." "Runaways" follows six teenagers from different backgrounds uniting against their supervillain parents, aptly called the Pride. If the series can pull off some "Misfits"-esque shenanigans, Hulu might just get away with the Marvel overload.

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Is comedy more your thing? This fall has you set with a variety of shows that will give you laugh-induced bellyaches, from sitcoms to talk shows and everything in between.

"I Love You, America"

(Hulu) Premieres Oct. 12

Sarah Silverman is coming to Hulu next month with a variety show that will cover comedy, politics and — you got it — love. "What is really important is that it will be funny and silly and aggressively dumb," Silverman said this July. "Which is my favorite kind of comedy." Could "I Love You, America" be what the world needs now?

MARK HILL/THE CW

MICHAEL DESMOND/SHOWTIME

"White Famous"

(Showtime) Premieres Oct. 15, 10 p.m.

A series starring Jay Pharoah, and executive produced by Jamie Foxx? Yes, please. Based on Foxx's experiences, "White Famous" will follow Pharoah's Floyd Mooney, a young black comedian on the rise. Only problem, he has to navigate stardom — and his own identity — while trying to be "white famous." It could go awry, but this show could also be very, very good.

"At Home With Amy Sedaris"

(TruTV) Premieres Oct. 24, 10:30 p.m.

Amy Sedaris has long been a fan of crafts. Now, she's bringing crafts and sketch together with "At Home with Amy Sedaris," which will see her play a bevy of characters — from a "hobo" to an "international wine lady." And with guests from Stephen Colbert to Jane Krakowski, it promises to be a good time.

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Pear on pizza totally works, especially "paired" with sage, fontina cheese and black pepper.

Last year, I chatted with Philly musician and chef Mariano Mattei about his appearance on the Food Network's "Cooks vs. Cons." At the time, he revealed his plans to open a pizzeria in Point Breeze, and we even got to see the space before renovation began.

Flash forward to this year, and Mattei's Family Pizza is officially open. While it may look like your standard pizza place from the outside, the pizza itself will blow your mind.

"For over 15 years, my family's been making pizzas at our house in Italy — just two hours north of Napoli," Mattei reveals. "My father built a brick oven, and we'll have big parties there and cook all weekend. He and I have a rivalry about who makes the best pizza — him or me."

The biggest difference lies in the preparation of the pizza, which is done Italian-style.

"For someone who's used to boardwalk pizza or fast-food pizza, those came from Italian immigrants in New York City who were hired as bakers," Mattei says. "They used bread dough for pizzas, which is made from a completely different flour than what is used in Italy."

At Mattei's Family Pizza, the flour is imported straight from Napoli.

"We use *doppio zero* ("00"), a very finely milled flour," he says.

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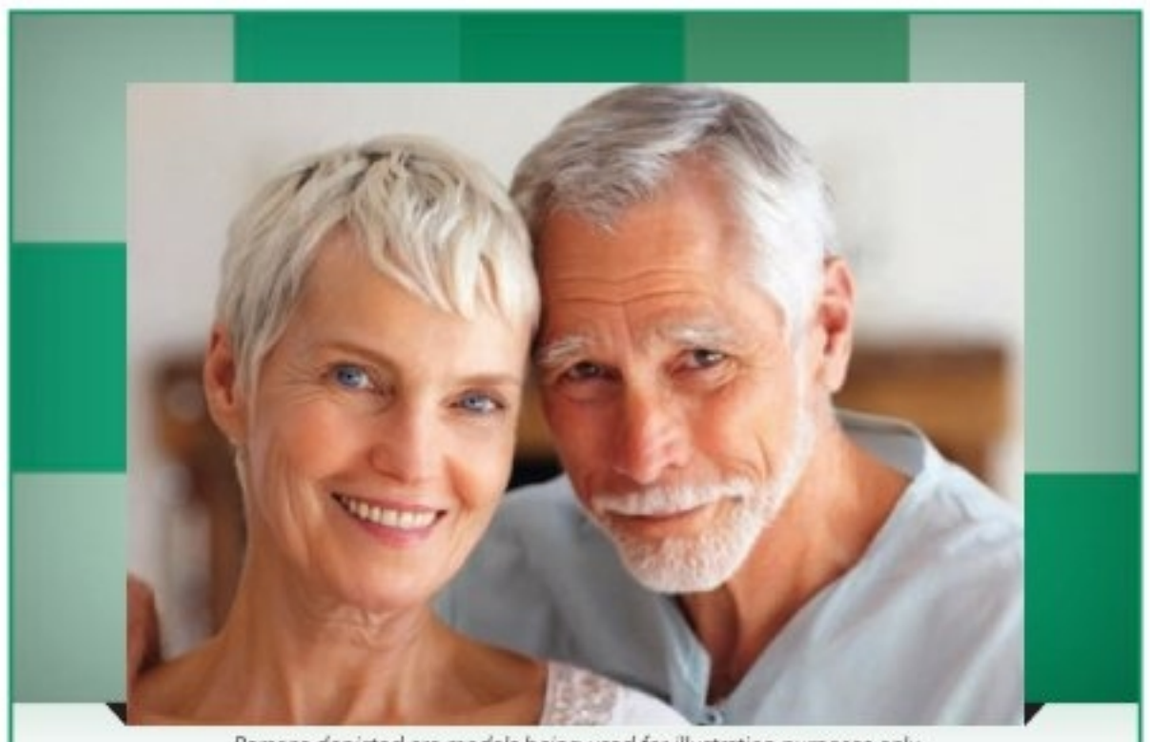

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Popular pizzas so far include the fontina, pear and sage (fontina cheese, pear, sage, black pepper), margherita (tomato sauce, fresh mozzarella and basil) and the chorizo (mozzarella, Iberico chorizo), which is Mattei's favorite.

Inside tip: On Sundays during football season, you can get 15% off your order.

"It was a hard sell for people because I refuse to do pepperoni," he says. "Chorizo has a similar flavor profile but is so much better."

And while this pizza runs thinner in the middle, the crust is nice and hearty — just like the pizzas you would eat in Italy. Be aware, though, that these pizzas don't come by the slice. They're meant to be eaten right away because of how fresh the ingredients are.

"The pizza doesn't lend itself to slices. We don't want it sitting around," he says.

If you're looking for something to grab and go, Mattei recommends the pizza fritte, which is a pizza pocket, similar to a calzone, but lightly fried. Don't worry though — Mattei's also has calzones, salads, and for dessert, housemade cannoli.

Move over, pumpkin-spice latte:

Mattei Family Pizza also has a specialty pie of the month. I got to try the Oktoberfest pizza ahead of its launch, and it just might be the best thing I've ever tasted. It comes with pumpkin, pancetta and gorgonzola. Who needs pumpkin-flavored coffees when there's pizza with real pumpkin available? Yum!

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3 Things to watch for as Eagles face Giants

Not Born to Run?

If you live near Philadelphia or you're an Eagles fan, you know about the Eagles' running game. Just 13 called runs last week in Kansas City and 20.5 runs per game overall. In Doug Pederson's 18 games as head coach, the Eagles are 1-6 when they run the ball less than 25 times and are 6-1 when they run it more than 30. Clearly each game is different, but there is no reason why the Birds can't give the ball to Darren Sproles, LeGarrette Blount and Wendell Smallwood a few more times each game.

"We've got to focus on the run game and we've got to get the run game fixed," Pederson said. "We've got to have a great plan going forward and commit to that and it just takes pressure off your quarterback as well."

Catching Odell

The Eagles' secondary will be tested on Sunday, as it will be missing cornerback Ronald Darby and safties Corey Graham and Rodney McLeod. Without three of their best defenders, Patrick Robinson, Jalen Mills, Malcolm Jenkins and a few younger players will be tasked with stopping Odell Bechkam Jr. and the rest of the Giants potent pass attack.

"He's explosive with the ball in his hands, and he's a dangerous receiver," Pederson said. "We've got to account for him. We've got to know where he's at. But his role will definitely increase if he's healthy."

Pass rush potential

The Giant's offensive line has been, by all accounts, positively awful. Anyone who has watched New York lose its first to games can't ignore the fact that Eli Manning was given almost no time to throw against the Cowboys and Lions. Philly arguably has a better pass rush than both of them, led by Fletcher Cox and Brandon Graham. If the Eagles make New York's life miserable at the line of scrimmage they can really help their cause.

"Yeah, it's going to be a good match-up," Eagles head coach Doug Pederson said. "I think, on both sides, our defensive line, our offensive line. Our defensive line prides themselves getting off the ball, as you know, and getting pressure with four guys. I would think that that would be the same type of mentality going into this game." EVAN MACY

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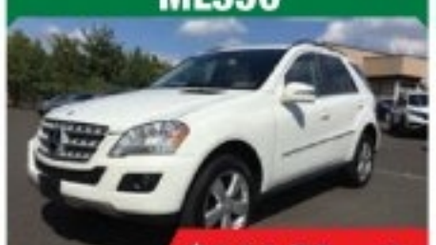
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Like Giants, Eagles also dealing with some frustrating offensive line issues

One way or another, the Eagles must protect Carson Wentz.

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Will the offensive line continue to be a weak link for the Eagles moving forward? GETTY IMAGES

Two weeks into the 2017 Eagles season and the team is 1-1, with a road victory against a division opponent and a tightly contested loss at one of the toughest venues in the NFL against one of the toughest teams in the NFL. There's a lot to be happy about.

But one of the more surprising parts of the early success is that it's come while one of the expected strengths of the team has been one of the more glaring weaknesses: the offensive line.

The Eagles struggled to run the ball in each of their first two games. While LeGarrette Blount saw the majority of work, holes were hard to come by for any ball carrier and the Eagles failed to find a run longer than seven yards while averaging just 2.4 yards a rush.

"It's good when you have enough talent and when you play good enough where you can win on the road against a division opponent and still have a lot of things to work on," Offensive coordinator Frank Reich said.

A sack-laden opener could have been worse if not for the tactful movement of Carson Wentz in the pocket. Most notable was his evasion of the rush before throwing the Birds' first touchdown to Nelson Agholor.

There was less evasion and more sacks to be found in Week 2 against the Chiefs. Kansas City brought Carson Wentz down six times, batted balls at the line of scrimmage, and turned one into an interception and two into fumbles.

"A lot of times, when you're in these games like this, and you struggle to run your core runs, it becomes hard," Pederson said Monday. "And then you put yourself in a second and 12, a second and 13."

Whether Wentz says he holds the ball too long, or the coaches acknowledge they need to do a better job, several questions have focused on the role of second year guard Isaac Seumalo. The team opened the spot for Seumalo by trading veteran Allen Barbre in the off-season.

Seumalo has struggled in the run game in particular, and experienced of Chance Warmack and Stefan Wisniewski leads to questions about how long a leash he will be on this season.

Regardless of his struggles this season, it's clear Seumalo is in the Eagles plans for the long term. The line's struggles in the pass game have often been exacerbated so far this short season by a running back's inability to pick up their blitzer. Reich said after the Washington game the problems are with the blocking itself rather than any failure understanding schemes.

"We were assignment sound," he said. "Where we missed sometimes was on technique."

The Eagles will have to clean up these issues in Week 3. Sunday they play the Giants, a team with numerous pass-protection issues of their own the Eagles can exploit, but one with their own dangerous pass rush and opportunistic defense. Olivier Vernon and Jason Pierre-Paul will have no doubt enjoyed watching some of the Eagles game tape this past weekend.

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NFL best bets: Week 3

New Orleans Saints at Carolina Panthers (-6)

The Saints are in familiar territory as a road underdog and they've thrived in that role lately. New Orleans is 7-2-1 ATS in their last 10 road games and have covered in eight of their last 10 overall when tabbed as an underdog of 3.5 points or more.

Conversely, the Panthers are just 1-4-1 ATS in their last six tilts with the Saints. And while Carolina's defense has looked quite stingy through two games, they've only been asked to stop Brian Hoyer and Tyrod Taylor thus far. Drew Brees poses a far greater challenge than those two, as he's thrown for 316 YPG this season, the second-best mark in the league through two weeks. Their defense can't be counted on for more than a few stops against Cam Newton and company, but New Orleans really should be able to keep this potential shootout close. They're the best bet of the week.

The pick: Saints +6

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Oakland Raiders (-3) at Washington Redskins

The Raiders' offensive numbers might be skewed after playing the Jets last week, but they were a well-oiled machine last year too. Marshawn Lynch has been a thorn in the side of his opponents this year, contributing to Oakland's fifth-best rushing attack through two games. The Redskins have stopped the run effectively this season (ninth by YPG) but are sixth-worst at defending the pass. Derek Carr should be able to march his team down the field with ease. Washington has the third-best run offense in the league so far, but half back Rob Kelley will be battling a rib injury that he suffered in Week 2. Also expected to be less than 100 percent are tight end Jordan Reed and corner back Josh Norman.

The Raiders should have no problem handling the Redskins away from home in this primetime affair, as they're 8-2 ATS in their last 10 road games.

The pick: Raiders -3

Kansas City Chiefs (-3) at Los Angeles Chargers

The Chiefs and Chargers couldn't be trending much differently of late; Kansas City is 4-1 ATS in their last five and 5-0 ATS in their last five on the road, while LA is 0-4-1 ATS in their last five and 0-5 ATS in their last five at home.

The Chargers have had a hard-luck start to 2017 with consecutive missed game-winning or tying field goals, but even if they'd won both of those contests, they wouldn't look nearly as good as Kansas City, who've beaten both New England and a sharp Philadelphia squad.

Expect Kareem Hunt and the Chiefs to move the ball on the ground at will against the NFL's 26th-ranked run defense and keep pace in the competative AFC West.

The pick: Chiefs -3

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The Flyers will use the preseason to help the team figure out which line combinations and roster decisions are appropriate to make. GETTY IMAGES

Flyers preseason guide: do's and don'ts for tune up matches

The Flyers season, albeit the preseason, has begun. They are 1-3, including a loss in the rookie game, thus far.

However, these are exhibition games and obviously don't count a lick. Still, there are areas to keep an eye on. To help you determine the difference, here are some Do's and Don'ts for preseason games.

Don't pay attention to the score

It doesn't really matter who wins. The coaches and most of the players, certainly don't care. Their goal is to simply play well. Consider, the visiting team typically carries a host of rookies and just a handful of regulars, while the home team usually stacks the roster with their stars — that can make for uneven games. Veterans don't like to travel in September and teams would rather showcase the best players in front of their own fans. It's also not rare to see goalies split time in the net to get work in. So, these games rarely resemble any accurate barometer — except possibly the last one (see right).

Do pay attention to individual play

Look at a player over the six-to-eight games. Is he playing aggressive, physical and confident, or constantly making mistakes or appears out of shape? For example, take Nolan Patrick's precision pass on Shayne Gostisbehere's overtime goal on Wednesday against the Islanders. Starting in his own zone, the team's second overall pick in June skated along the side boards over the Islanders blue line and threaded a tape-to-tape pass to set up Gostisbehere for the game-winning one-timer. So, Patrick showed, and has shown with similar plays in other games, that he is probably ready to play in the NHL this year.

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Don't pay attention to line formations

Flyers coach Dave Hakstol created a stir on Tuesday when he had Sean Couturier center Claude Giroux (left wing) and Jake Voracek (right) in practice. It was the first time Giroux was at wing since his first season with the Flyers. However, Hakstol is just tinkering with different combinations on offense and defense — and the captain is not immune from it. This is the time of the year for coaches to see how the players mesh with, and complement, one another and which ones are like oil and water. So, give little credence as to who is on the ice at the same time.

Don pay attention to the last preseason game

This is akin to the third preseason game in the NFL. It's as close to the real thing as you are going to get. Although the final score is still meaningless, the coaching staff and players want to see positive results to use as a springboard to the season opener on Oct. 4 against the Sharks. So, if you are going to attend or tune in to one preseason game, this is the one.

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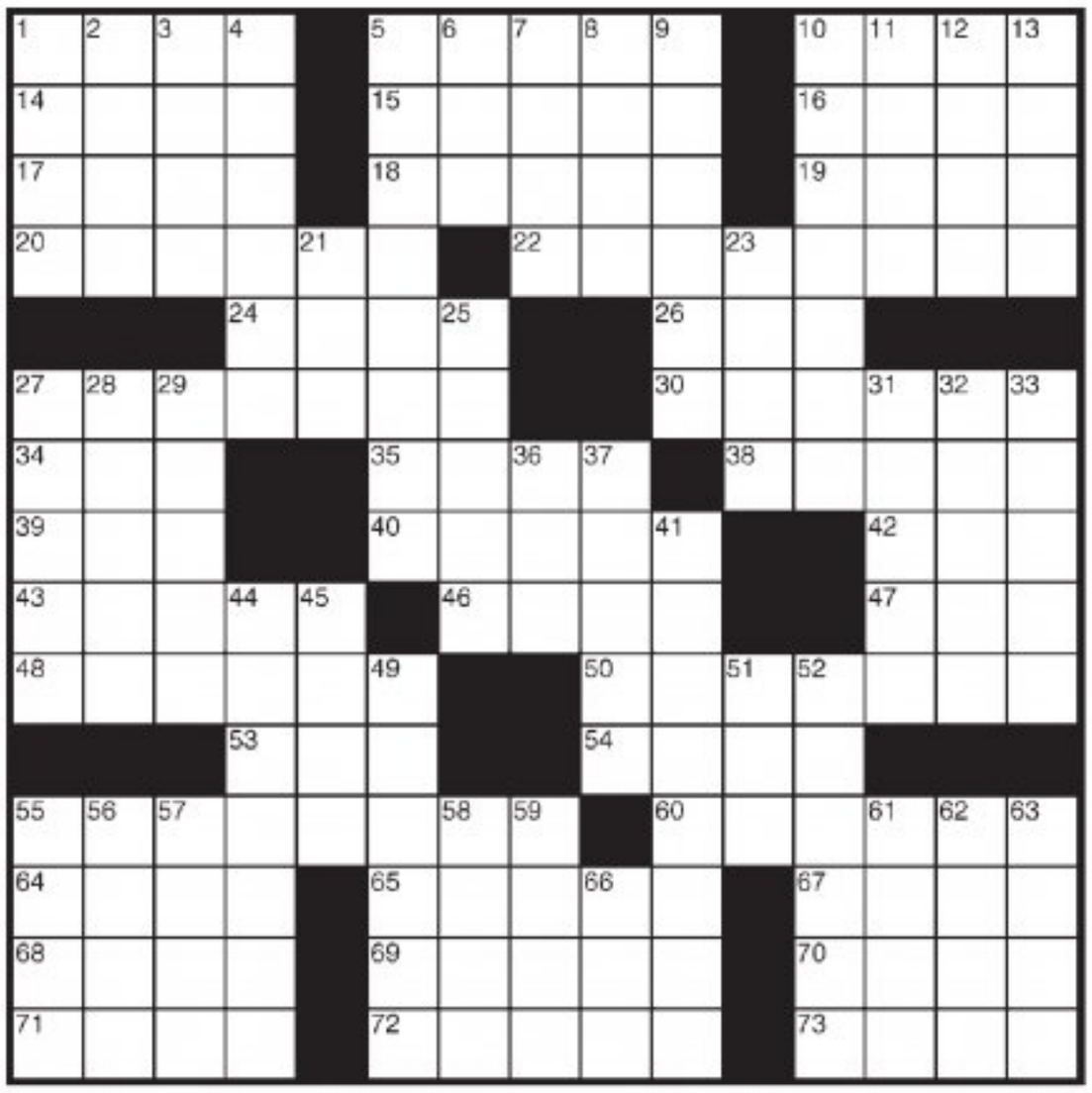

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Aries Patience will be required, along with the ability to look at every angle of a situation carefully before you take action. Overreacting and will lead to trouble.

Taurus Take hold of whatever situation you face. Your ability to get things done will give you an edge over any competitor. Romance will improve your life.

Gemini Don't fear doing things differently. By taking a unique path, you will discover skills and traits that will help you excel in an area you least expected. Change is good.

Cancer A problem with a friend, child or parent will get blown out of proportion. Look for a practical solution. Keep the peace to avoid interference. Only do what's necessary.

Leo Strive to get things done and keep the peace with the ones you love. Getting along will help you get your way in the end. Be humble, gracious and kind.

Virgo Keep your money and possessions in a safe place, and don't share information that could result in loss or damage your reputation. Protect your emotions.

Libra Relationships must be handled with care. Jealousy will surface, changing the dynamics of the way you or someone else feels. Don't jump to conclusions.

Scorpio Refuse to get involved in someone's lofty scheme. You are best off taking a conservative approach and doing your own thing. Stick to what you know and do best.

Sagittarius Don't let someone being excessive or impulsive entice you into taking part in something that isn't wise. Being a risk-taker will not end well. Protect your life and money.

Capricorn Uncertainty will arise if you have trouble getting the facts. Don't rely on hearsay or promises being made if you don't see concrete evidence to back up what's offered.

Aquarius An old idea will have a better chance of turning into something rewarding if you launch it now. Negotiate a deal to get what you want.

Pisces An emotional partnership will need to be nurtured if you want to come to an agreement regarding how to move forward.

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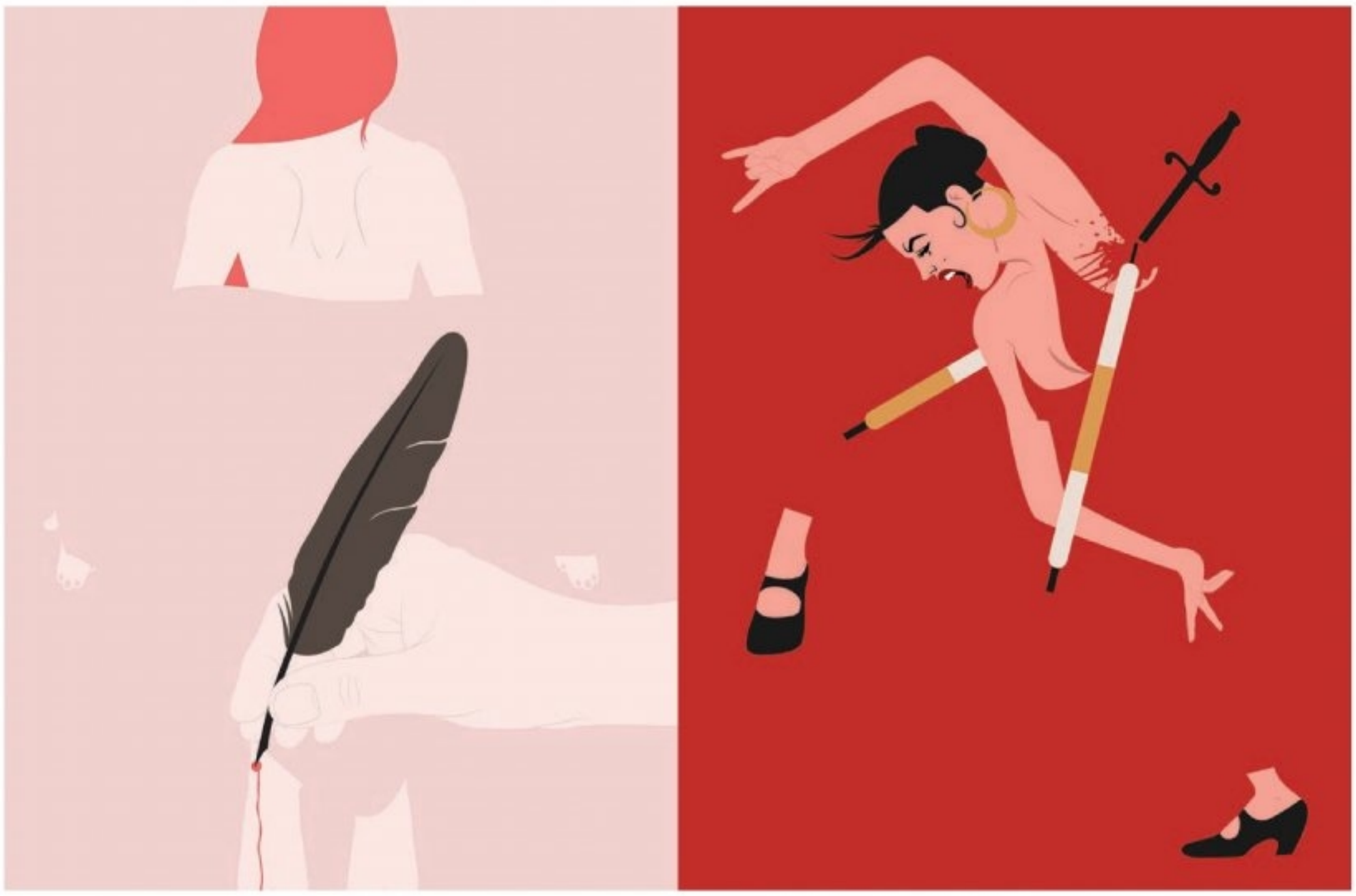

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